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RESPONSE TO JULY 17, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action Dated July 17, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-5 and 40), drawn to an isolated polypeptide. Applicants elects the species of SEQ ID NO:4. Claims 1-5 and 40 read on the elected species.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-577.

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